

HELPLESS IN THE ICE

The Gallant Rescue of Wallace
 A. Nesbitt from a Ter-
 rible Fate.
 Started with a Companion to Go
 Gunning for Ducks and Was
 Overtaken by a Storm.

CUT OFF FROM LAND BY BROKEN ICE.

Nesbitt Managed to Get into a Skiff, from Which He Was Taken Nearly Dead After a Search in the Darkness.

Riverhead, Feb. 20.—Wallace H. Nesbitt and Joseph Vail, of this village, were gunning for ducks on Peconic Bay yesterday on the ice. They drew behind them a small gunning skiff by a long rope. Late in the afternoon there were indications of a storm, and they started for the shore, but the squall came upon them, and to their dismay the ice began to break up.

Both men ran for the land, but broke through the ice. Though Vail succeeded in reaching shore, Nesbitt did not. He managed to get into the boat, but having no oars was helpless. He got the boat on a cake

Meanwhile Nesbitt and his frail craft drifted down the bay. The lights of Jamestown port showed after the squall cleared a bit, and Nesbitt fired his gun and shouted as long as he was able to do so. It was near midnight when Captain Ed Jones, of Jamestown, port heard him, and, taking in the situation, at once, summoned William A. Sparks

your startled out in the direction whence the cries had ceased. It was bitter cold and the crew rowed about almost aimlessly for nearly an hour.

Finally, by good luck, they saw a dark object floating among the broken ice and pulled it in. It was Nesbitt in his little boat and, after a stiff struggle, was successful in pulling it up to the ship. He was unconscious and unable to take a line thrown to him. The rescuers got him into their boat and after a short time he was taken to the hospital of Justice Daniel A. Young, where a crowd awaited them.

Dr. George Cornell had been sent for. He worked hard all night to revive Nesbitt, who did not recover consciousness till 8 o'clock this morning. He is in a pitiful condition, his hands and feet are frozen. Whether he will recover the use of these members is uncertain. The rescuers themselves were severely frost-bitten.

BOYS TAUGHT TO STEAL

A Woman, Who Is on the List for Appointment as Police Matron, 'Accused'

By Them.

Mrs. Anne Smith, a widow, of No. 142 North Eighth street, Williamsburg, was arrested several weeks ago on a charge of receiving stolen goods, was yesterday committed by Justice Goetting, in the Lee Avenue Police Court, to await the action of the Grand Jury. Mrs. Smith was committed on the testimony of twelve-year-old John Tully, the leader of a gang of young thieves, who, it is alleged, made it a practice to steal and dispose of their plunder to the woman. Until a week ago she conducted a little grocery store, from which she was dispossessed. The thefts committed by the gang consisted of pilfering of groceries taken from in front of the stores of merchants on Grand street, and were made in the presence of the woman.

The first intimation the police of the

was found early one morning about five weeks ago sitting on a coal box at Bedford avenue and North Tenth street, crying bitterly. When Mrs. Smith saw him he said he had been driven from his home, No. 148 Bedford avenue, by his father because he had been drinking. He subsequently admitted that he had lied about his father, and told the story of the family quarrel. He said he was the leader of a gang of boys.

The boy was committed to the House of Refuge by Justice Goetting, and while there he told the names of the other members of the gang, among them being Henry Thiele, eighteen years old. The police managed to induce young Thiele to make a statement, and then he and Smith were arrested. Since then Thiele disappeared, and it is said, was sent to Germany by the complaint of Mrs. Smith.

The learned young Tully was brought down from the House of Refuge, and made the complaint against Mrs. Smith, and was arraigned yesterday and held for trial in the higher courts. The boy testified that the prisoner had induced him and other boys to break into stores, and she paid them a few pennies for their plunder. Mrs. Smith denied the boy's story.

Mrs. Smith is about thirty-six years old, and a short while ago passed a successful examination for the position of matron in the police matron of the Brooklyn Police Department, and would, it is said, have received the appointment.

ICE COURT, Williamsburg, yesterday held John Reed, twenty-eight years old, of No. 270 Roebeling street, for trial on a charge of malicious mischief, made by his mother, a year ago, and squandering \$1,800 in his father's money, following the death of his father, and he at once began to squander it. On Monday he went to his mother and got \$50. On the following morning he demanded \$250 more, but she refused to give it to him. He then broke several panes of glass, cutting an artery on his forehead. He then fled, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. She told the Court that her son had squandered \$1,800 in a very short time.

Whitestone, L. I., Feb. 20.—Last night a fire was discovered in the old ultra-marine wash blue factory. When the firemen arrived, one wing of the building was in

damage of \$2,000 had been done. The fire was undoubtedly the work of incendiaries. The recent fires in Whitestone have led the authorities to believe that an organized gang of firebugs is at work in the village.

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